

Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Recreation & Economic Opportunities Evaluation

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Project Objectives

- Recreation
 - Identify recreation opportunities compatible with ecosystem restoration
 - Evaluate priorities for activities and facilities
 - Capacity for recreation
- Economics
 - Economic benefits of restoration



Project Team & Status

- Team
 - Tetra Tech staff: recreational analysis
 - RSG (subcontract): economic analysis
 - Reliance Communications: meetings/public coord.
 - Authority staff: oversight/logistic support
- Status
 - Budget: \$250K
 - Expenditures to date: ~30%



Groundrules

- DWR definition used in this evaluation includes:
 - Improvement of water quality, including control and reduction of salinity
 - Stabilization of the water surface elevation
 - Reduction of odors
- Independent of alternatives



Local Input

- Recreation Task Force
 - Re-formed from earlier task force
 - Approx. 30 representing diverse interests
 - Surveyed re opportunities and facilities
- Public input at two meetings
 - Desert Shores & Calipatria
 - April 28, 2005

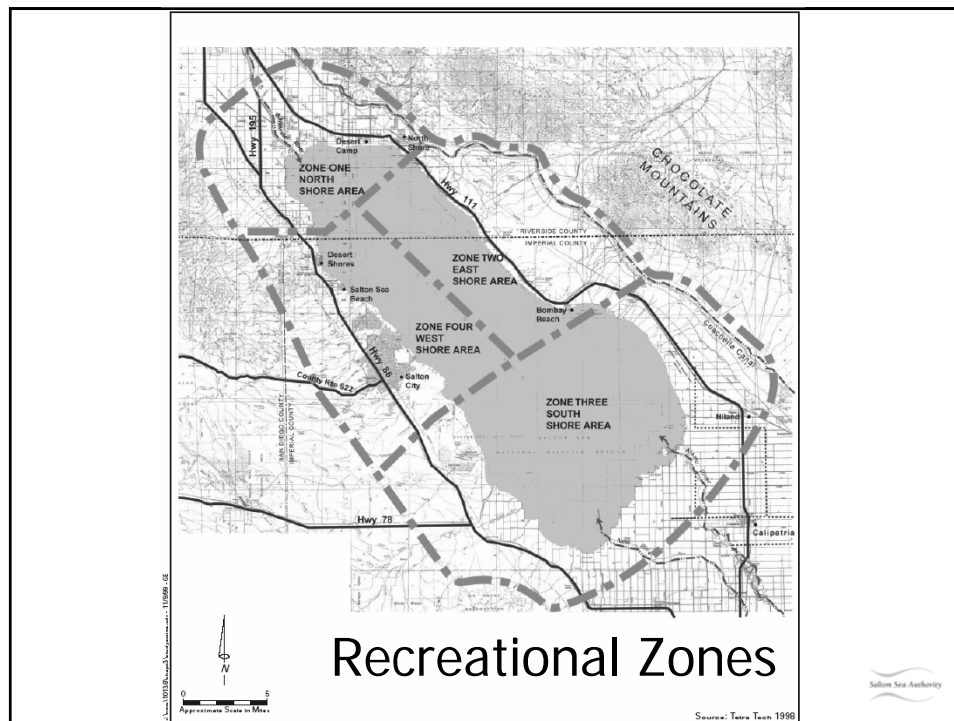


Salton Sea Authority Outdoor Recreation Committee		
AREA	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
I.V.	City of Brawley	John Benson
I.V.	City of Westmorland	Victor Torres
I.V.	City of Calipatria	LeaAnne O'Malley
I.V.	Salton Community Services District	Shirley Palmer
I.V.	Bombay Beach Community Services District	Christine Harris
I.V.	Brawley Chamber of Commerce	Sue Giller
I.V.	Brawley Economic Development Commission	Bill Gates / Tim Kelley
I.V.	Niland Chamber of Commerce	Cliff Lawrence
I.V.	New River Wetlands	Leon Lesicka
I.V.	Cal - Energy	Vince Signorotti
I.V.	Farm Bureau	Wayne Olesh
I.V.	Hunting & Fishing Interest-Fred Singh	Fred Singh
I.V.	Farm Bureau	Al Kalin
I.V.	Jack Hart Insurance	Jack Hart
I.V.	State-wide Off Road Association	Harold Soens
I.V.	Ocotillo Wells State Rec Area	Kathy Donlair
I.V.	Farmer	Bill DuBois
C.V.	Duck Club	Mike Maier
C.V.	City of Desert Hot Springs	Hank Hohenstein
Other	United Anglers	Tom Raftican
Other	Torres Martinez	Jacob Ward
Other	Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge	Chris Schoneman
Other	CA Fish & Game	Jack Crayon
C.V.	C.V. Recreation & Park District	Stan Ford / Kevin Kalman
C.V.	Regional County Parks	Paul Frandsen
C.V.	Cabezon	James McKennon
C.V.	Palm Springs Citizen	Glenn Baxley
C.V.	Indio Chamber of Commerce	Sherry Johnson



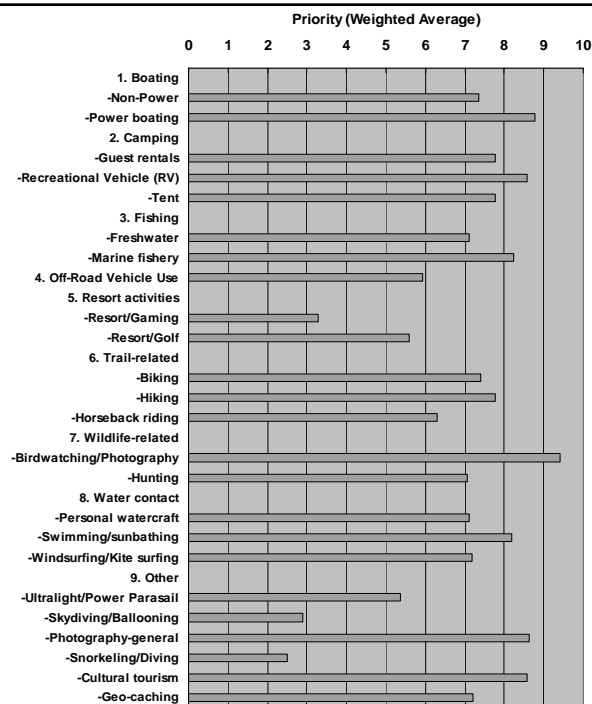
Initial Listing of Recreation Activities Considered

1. Boating (power boating, non-motorized)
2. Camping (guest rentals, recreational vehicles, tent)
3. Fishing (freshwater, marine)
4. Off-road vehicle use
5. Resort activities (gaming, golf)
6. Trail-related (biking, hiking, horseback riding)
7. Wildlife-related (birdwatching/photography, hunting)
8. Water contact (personal watercraft, swimming, windsurfing)
9. Other (photography-general, skydiving)



3. Salton Sea Recreational Facilities Survey: LOCATION OF FACILITIES												
Recreational Facilities		Indicate Order of Facility Needs by Ranking Zones from 1 to 4										
Recreational Facilities		2. Salton Sea Recreational FACILITY Priority Survey										
Recreational Facilities		1. Salton Sea Recreational ACTIVITY Priority Survey										
Recreational Opportunity		Highest Priority "Must Have"										
		Lowest Priority "Nice to Have"										
1. Boating												0
-Kayaking		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Power boating/Sailboating		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Camping												0
-Guest rentals		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Recreational Vehicle (RV)		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Tent		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Fishing												0
-Freshwater		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Marine fishery		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Off-Road Vehicle Use												0
-Resort/Gaming		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Resort/Golf		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Trail-related												0
-Biking		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Hiking		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Horseback riding		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Wildlife-related												0
-Birdwatching/Photography		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Hunting		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Water contact												0
-Personal watercraft		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Swimming/sunbathing		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Windsurfing		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
9. Other												0
-Photography-general		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-Skydiving		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Others												0
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Preliminary Survey Results



Economic Analysis

- Inventory of potential commercial/industrial/resort property
- Comprehensive demographic profile
- Identify locations or opportunity sites
- Property owner/broker survey
- Evaluate impact of planned developments
- Land capacity inventory
- Existing land use/development policies
- Socio-economic analysis
- Revenue projections



Next Steps

- Draft report: July 1, 2005
- Review and comment
 - DWR
 - Task Force
 - Public
 - Advisory Committee
- Final report: August 31, 2005

